Weather Event Simulator Case Study

Originating Office : WFO Knoxville/Tri-Cities

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Weather Event : Severe Weather - Tornado/Severe Thunderstorms

Learning Objectives : Can be used for many objectives concerning severe weather,

especially if you are looking for strong non-tornadic supercells.

Available Data : All radar data for KMRX and KHTX. Lowest elevation angle data for

KBMX, KFCX, KFFC, KGSP, KJKL and KOHX.

: AWIPS model guidance fields.

: All AWIPS satellite imagery.

All AWIPS point data.

All AWIPS redbook graphics.surface metar/lighting/MSAS.

Time Period of Data: 1200 UTC to 2359 UTC 28 April 2002.

Type of Simulation : DRT - use additional material as guide to prompt you for questions to

ask and extra data to give.

Completion Time : approximately 2.5 hours, but can be extended to 5 hours or cut short.

Additional Materials : Ouattro Pro spreadsheet, annotated for each volume scan from 1731

through 2358 UTC describing significant radar parameters and

reported severe weather.

Installation : Use the CaseInstaller.tcl script to install the case specifying one (1)

DVD-ROM, the appropriate directory (e.g., /data/awips) on the appropriate hard drive (e.g., /dev/sdb1). The case directory will be

called 2002Apr28.

Special Instructions: This case includes localizations for WES versions 1.0, 1.1, 1.2 and

1.3. Please "cd" to the 2002Apr28/localizationDataSets subdirectory and extract (zcat | tar -xvf -) the appropriate localization for your

version of the WES software.